**Validity of Maharashtra Raw Cotton (Procurement, Processing and Marketing) Act, 1971**

3564. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDRE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government for further extension of the validity of Maharashtra Raw Cotton (Procurement, Processing and Marketing) Act, 1971 for a further period of ten years, from June 30, 1993 onwards; and

(b) if so, what is Governments decision in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request of the Maharashtra Government is under consideration of the Government.

**Functioning of Jute Corporation of India**

3565. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Wiil the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government are considering to modernise the functioning *of* the Jute Corporation of India;

(b) whether Government have received any memorandum of demands in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and th; action taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Cotton Production in Guntur and Prakasam Districts of Andhra Pradesh**

3566. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the total quantity ot cotton produced in Guntur and Prakasam Districts of Andhra Pradesh and what is the percentage of long staple in it;

(b) what is its share in the national production and the quantity of it is marketed, so far; and

(c) what are the details of the total purchase of cotton by CCI in these districts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Cotton production during the current cotton season in Guntur and Prakasam Districts of Andhra Pradesh is estimated around 7 lakh bales of which long staple cotton are estimated to account for about 97%.

(b) Total cotton production in Guntur and Prakasam Districts account for 5.54% to 5.45% of the National Production and nearly 72% of it has been marketed so far.

(c) The Cotton Corporation of India has purchased 3.27 lakh quintals euqiva-lent to about 62,250 bales in these Districts as on 15-3-93. The details are as under :

(Rs. in Crores)

| Variety | Quantity (quintal) | Approximate Value |
|---|---|---|
| MCU-5 | 2,80,171.92 | 22.02 |
| LRA 5166 | 1,15,383.34 | 11.58 |
| JKHY.1 | 5,574.38 | 0.55 |
| LS (B Grade) | 5,669.70 | 0.56 |
| | 3,26,799.34 | 34.71 |